

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for booking access entitlement to a facility that is accessible with a codable data carrier containing a microchip via an access terminal provided with a data communication device for reading and coding data on the data carrier, characterized by the steps of:

determining ~~identification data~~ a unique serial number that is coded upon the microchip within the data carrier as well as provided visibly on the data carrier;

conveying the ~~visible identification data~~ serial number, together with access entitlement data to be booked, via a telecommunication device to the access terminal and storing it there;

acknowledging arrival at the facility by identifying the data carrier at the access terminal with the data communication device by electronically reading the serial number encoded upon the microchip and comparing ~~comparison of the identification data the serial number coded thereon~~ therein with the stored identification data serial number; and

coding the previously booked access entitlement data onto the identified data carrier by the data communication device.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, characterized in that a contactlessly communicating data carrier is used.

4. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 1, characterized in that at least one server is used which passes on the ~~identification~~ serial number and booking data conveyed with the telecommunication device to the data communication device.

5. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, characterized in that in case of a facility with a plurality of access terminals the ~~identification~~ serial number and booking data are passed on only to the data communication device of that access terminal of the facility which is intended for the first access to the facility.

6. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, characterized in that the telecommunication devices used are mobile or stationary communication terminals.

7. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 6, characterized in that the telecommunication devices used are the Internet, mobile phones and/or personal digital assistants.

8. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 6, characterized in that the contactlessly communicating data carrier is part of the mobile communication terminal or its casing or a part connected therewith.

9. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 1, characterized in that the data carrier is integrated into a watch or has the form of a watch.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for remotely booking access entitlement to a facility using a portable data carrier containing a microchip ~~that is encoded~~ with a unique serial

number, identification data as well as the portable data carrier being visibly marked with the identification data serial number of the contained microchip, comprising the steps of:

establishing a remote communication link with a computer server associated with the facility;

reading the serial number visibly marked on the portable data carrier;

manually providing the ~~identification data~~ serial number over the remote communication link to the computer server of the facility;

selecting a desired access entitlement and conveying the selection over the remote communication link to the computer server of the facility;

storing the provided ~~identification data~~ serial number and selected access entitlement on the computer server;

identifying a ~~user~~ the portable data carrier upon arrival at the facility by electronically reading the ~~identification data~~ serial number encoded on the microchip contained within the data carrier using an access terminal that communicates with the computer server; and

retrieving the previously selected access entitlement associated with the provided ~~identification data~~ serial number and stored in the computer server, and forwarding the selected access entitlement onto the access terminal; and

encoding the associated access entitlement onto the data carrier using the access terminal;

wherein any further authorization at the facility for the selected access entitlement is obtained by electronically reading the ~~identification data~~ serial number and associated access entitlement encoded on the data carrier.

11. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 10, wherein the remote communication link can be one of

a wired telephone call, mobile telephone call, mobile data service including short message service (SMS) and mobile wireless application protocol (WAP), and Internet connection.

12. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 10, wherein the computer server forwards the ~~identification data~~serial number and associated access entitlement onto only one select access terminal that is first used out of a plurality of access terminals at the facility.

13. (Previously Presented) A method for remotely booking access entitlement to a facility, comprising the steps of:

- providing a smart card containing a passive RFID transponder;

- providing an identifier code that is unique to the smart card and which is visibly presented upon the smart card as well as encoded on the passive RFID transponder within the smart card;

- establishing a remote communication link with a computer server associated with the facility;

- manually providing the identifier code over the remote communication link to the computer server of the facility;

- selecting a desired access entitlement and conveying the selection over the remote communication link to the computer server of the facility;

- storing upon the computer server the provided identifier code and selected access entitlement;

- identifying the smart card being presented by a user upon arrival at the facility by electronically reading the identifier code that is encoded on the passive RFID transponder using an access terminal that communicates with the computer server; and

retrieving the previously selected access entitlement associated with the provided identifier code and stored in the computer server, and forwarding the selected access entitlement onto the access terminal; and

encoding the associated access entitlement onto the passive RFID transponder using the access terminal;

wherein any further authorization at the facility for the selected access entitlement is obtained by electronically reading the identifier code and associated access entitlement encoded on the passive RFID transponder.

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 13, wherein the identifier code is a serial number of the RFID transponder or other predetermined number.